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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Jeffrey S. DeWitt
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DATE: November 2, 2016

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement - "Regulation of Landscape Architecture and Professional Design Firms Amendment Act of 2016"

REFERENCE: Bill 21-790, Committee Print provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on October 27, 2016

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2017 through fiscal year 2020 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

The bill requires architects, landscape architects, and interior design professionals and firms to obtain a professional license from the Mayor in order to do businesses in the District. Currently, there are no license requirements for these professions. The bill establishes requirements and standards for firms and professionals to obtain and maintain a license. The Mayor will determine the procedures and license fees through rulemaking.

The bill changes the name and composition of the Board of Architecture, Interior Design and Landscape Architecture, which will consist of nine members: four licensed architects, two licensed interior designers, two licensed landscape architects, and one consumer.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2017 through fiscal year 2020 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The new license categories will increase fee revenue to the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs Occupations and Professions Licensure Special Account¹, but there is insufficient information at this time to estimate new revenue. The exact amount depends on

¹ D.C. Official Code § 47-2853.11.

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the fee that is set through rulemaking and the number of professionals and firms that decide to obtain the new license.